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The House met at 10 a.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore [Mr. FOLEY].

DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Speaker:

WASHINGTON, DC, March 14, 1996.

I hereby designate the Honorable Mark Foley to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

NEWT GINGRICH, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

PRAYER

The Reverend Daniel J. Maher, Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, Washington, DC, offered the following prayer:

Good and gracious God, we thank You for the many blessings You have poured out upon our Nation. As we praise You for Your wondrous works, we thank You too for raising up those assembled here who are servants of Your people and for calling them to be instruments of Your will for our land. Help them to bear gracefully this mantle of responsibility placed upon them. Inspire their deliberations this day, that they may more perfectly fulfill the sacred trust that both You and we, the people, have bestowed upon them. Bless our Nation through them and help them to live in the spirits of unity and peace that we hope their endeavors will assure for all the people of this Republic. We ask all these things in Your holy name. Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair has examined the Journal of the last day's proceedings and announces to the House his approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1, rule I, the Journal stands approved.

Mr. LUCAS. Mr. Speaker, pursuant to clause 1, rule I, I demand a vote on agreeing to the Speaker's approval of the Journal.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the Chair's approval of the Journal.

The question was taken; and the Speaker pro tempore announced that the ayes appeared to have it.

Mr. LUCAS. Mr. Speaker, I object to the vote on the ground that a quorum is not present and make the point of order that a quorum is not present.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 5, rule I, further proceedings on this question are postponed.

The point of no quorum is considered withdrawn.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Will the gentleman from Colorado [Mr. HEFLEY] come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. HEFLEY led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

A message from the Senate by Mr. Lundregan, one of its clerks, announced that the Senate had passed with amendments a bill of the House of the following title:

 $\ensuremath{\text{H.R.}}$ 2854. An act to modify the operation of certain agricultural programs.

The message also announced that the Senate insists upon its amendment to the bill (H.R. 2854) "An act to modify the operation of certain agricultural programs," requests a conference with the House on the disagreeing votes of

the two Houses thereon, and appoints Mr. Lugar, Mr. Dole, Mr. Helms, Mr. Cochran, Mr. McConnell, Mr. Craig, Mr. Leahy, Mr. Pryor, Mr. Heflin, Mr. Harkin, and Mr. Conrad, to be the conferees on the part of the Senate.

TIME TO REIN IN SPENDING, AND HAVE LIMITED AND EFFECTIVE GOVERNMENT

(Mr. HAYWORTH asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. HAYWORTH. Mr. Speaker, \$8 billion. Inside the Beltway here, in this land of bureaucracy in the District of Columbia, \$8 billion may not seem like a lot of money, but, Mr. Speaker, to the people of the Sixth District of Arizona, and I would say to people nationwide, \$8 billion is a whole lot of money, especially when those \$8 billion, Mr. Speaker, are going to come out of the pockets of the American people.

The fact is, Mr. Speaker, we have to have limited and effective government. Yet, the gentleman at the other end of Pennsylvania Avenue has the same old answer to the question. He talks about the days of big government being over. Yet, he wants to fund \$8 billion of additional ineffective Washington programs.

Mr. Speaker, when I return to the Sixth District of Arizona, no one runs up to me and says "Please, Congressman, take more and more of my money for ineffective government programs." They say the time has come to rein in spending and have a limited and effective government.

EFFECTIVE EDUCATION PRO-GRAMS WILL SUFFER UNDER EXTREME REPUBLICAN BUDGET

(Mr. GENE GREEN of Texas asked and was given permission to address

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